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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
14 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
15 SACRAMENTO DIVISION

16 ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT,
17 STACY POHLMAYER, and BRIAN GARBUTT,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 vs.

20 COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY
21 SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and
22 DOE 1 to 20,

23 Defendants.

24 Case No.

25 **COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF
26 CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
27 DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

28 **INTRODUCTION**

29 32-year-old JOSHUA GARBUTT was denied necessary medical care and observation by jail
30 staff as a pretrial detainee at the Trinity County Correctional Facility in custody of the COUNTY OF
31 TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, resulting in his death on January 14, 2024.

32 **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

33 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the federal claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (in that they
34 arise under the United States Constitution) and 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3) (in that the action is brought to
35 address deprivations, under color of state authority, of rights, privileges, and immunities protected by the
36 U.S. Constitution). This Court has jurisdiction of the state claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1337.

2. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b) because Defendants are located in the Eastern District of California and because many of the acts and/or omissions described herein occurred in the Eastern District of California.

3. Intradistrict venue is proper in the Sacramento Division of the Eastern District of California pursuant to Local Rule 120(d) because the claims asserted herein arise from acts and/or omissions which occurred in the County of Trinity, California.

EXHAUSTION

4. On February 28, 2024, the ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUZZ, STACY POHLMAYER, and BRIAN GARBUZZ submitted a government claim to the COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE relating to the claims asserted in this action. (Claim No. TRI24-0010.)

5. On March 12, 2024, the COUNTY OF TRINITY issued a "Notice of Rejected Claim."

6. By April 22, 2024, the TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE failed or refused to act on the claim.

PARTIES

7. Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT appears by and through real-parties-in-interest Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT, the biological parents of JOSHUA GARBUTT, who bring this action pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 377.30. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT bring this action as the successors-in-interest on behalf of JOSHUA GARBUTT. A declaration regarding Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT's status as the successors-in-interest to JOSHUA GARBUTT is attached, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 377.32.

8. Plaintiff STACY POHLMAYER is a resident of the State of California, County of Shasta. Plaintiff STACY POHLMAYER is the biological mother of JOSHUA GARBUTT. Plaintiff STACY POHLMAYER brings this action: (1) in a representative capacity, as a successor-in-interest on behalf of JOSHUA GARBUTT; and (2) in an individual capacity, on behalf of herself.

9. Plaintiff BRIAN GARBUTT is a resident of the State of California, County of Shasta. Plaintiff BRIAN GARBUTT is the biological father of JOSHUA GARBUTT. Plaintiff BRIAN GARBUTT brings this action: (1) in a representative capacity, as a successor-in-interest on behalf of

1 JOSHUA GARBUTT; and (2) in an individual capacity, on behalf of himself.

2 10. Defendant COUNTY OF TRINITY is located in the State of California. Defendant
3 COUNTY OF TRINITY is a “public entity,” pursuant to California Government Code § 811.2.

4 11. Defendant TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE located in the State of California,
5 COUNTY OF TRINITY. Defendant TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE is a “public entity,”
6 pursuant to California Government Code § 811.2.

7 12. Defendant TIM SAXON is and was, at all times material herein, a law enforcement
8 officer and Sheriff for Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S
9 OFFICE, acting within the scope of employment and under color of state law. Defendant TIM SAXON is
10 sued in an individual capacity.

11 13. Defendants DOE 1 to 20 are and/or were agents or employees of Defendants COUNTY
12 OF TRINITY and/or TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, acting within the scope of agency or
13 employment and under color of state law. Defendants DOE 1 to 20 are sued by their fictitious names and
14 their true and correct names and identities will be substituted when ascertained.

15 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

16 14. At all times relevant herein, all wrongful acts described were performed under color of
17 state law and/or in concert with or on behalf of those acting under the color of state law.

18 **Disability**

19 15. JOSHUA GARBUTT suffered from a diagnosed disability, including substance use
20 disorder. JOSHUA GARBUTT’s disability required hospitalization and treatment on occasions prior to
21 his death on January 14, 2024, and substantially limited one or more major life activities, including
22 caring for oneself, concentrating, thinking, and working.

23 16. JOSHUA GARBUTT was prescribed medications for his disability, on occasions that he
24 received medical treatment prior to his death on January 14, 2024.

25 17. JOSHUA GARBUTT’s disability and associated symptoms were exacerbated when he
26 became stressed, discontinued taking medications, and/or abused substances.

27 **In-Custody Death**

28 18. On January 11, 2024, JOSHUA GARBUTT was arrested and booked into jail at the

1 Trinity County Correctional Facility, 701 Tom Bell Road, Weaverville, CA 96093, as a pre-trial detainee
2 on minor misdemeanor charges.

3 19. JOSHUA GARBUTT had a history of incarceration at the jail, including at least four
4 arrests over the previous two months for other minor misdemeanor charges.

5 20. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE's
6 records for JOSHUA GARBUTT documented a "Problem List," including "Chronic hepatitis C,"
7 "Abnormal abdominal ultrasound," "Methamphetamine dependence," "Pleuritic chest pain," and "Opioid
8 dependence with withdrawal."

9 21. On prior occasions, Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY
10 SHERIFF'S OFFICE's jail staff transported JOSHUA GARBUTT to the hospital for medical clearance
11 prior to booking and incarceration at the jail, including to address drug-related symptoms and withdrawal
12 concerns, because JOSHUA GARBUTT was a documented drug user with a heart condition.

13 22. On this occasion, Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY
14 SHERIFF'S OFFICE's jail staff did not transport JOSHUA GARBUTT to a hospital for medical
15 clearance prior to booking and incarceration at the jail.

16 23. JOSHUA GARBUTT's "[i]ntake paperwork states a history of daily Fentanyl use prior to
17 incarceration."

18 24. Upon intake, JOSHUA GARBUTT exhibited symptoms of withdrawal, including
19 vomiting and diarrhea.

20 25. Defendants DOE 1 to 10, medical staff at the jail, performed an inadequate medical
21 screening for JOSHUA GARBUTT, including by failing to issue other routine orders, such as Clinical
22 Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS) and Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA) assessments,
23 detox regimens, and/or an urgent referral to a medical provider.

24 26. Defendants DOE 1 to 10 could and should have conducted an adequate medical screening
25 of JOSHUA GARBUTT and issued routine orders, especially in consideration of JOSHUA GARBUTT's
26 documented history of fentanyl and substance use disorders.

27 27. Defendants DOE 1 to 10 failed to comply with California Code of Regulations title 15 §
28 1207 (Medical Receiving Screening), California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1208 (Access to

1 Treatment), California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1210 (Individualized Treatment Plans), California
2 Code of Regulations title 15 § 1213 (Detoxification Treatment), and the policies, procedures, and training
3 of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Standards for Health Services in Jails
4 (“NCCHC”) and Trinity County Sheriff’s Office (“TCSO”) Custody Manual, including: NCCHC
5 Standard J-F-01 (Ongoing Care for Chronic Illness); NCCHC Standard J-E-02 (Receiving Screening);
6 NCCHC Standard J-E-04 (Initial Health Assessment); TCSO Custody Manual Policy 602 (Incarcerated
7 Persons with Disabilities); TCSO Custody Manual Policy 701 (Access to Care); TCSO Custody Manual
8 Policy 703 (Referrals and Coordination of Specialty Care); TCSO Custody Manual Policy 710 (Medical
9 Screening); TCSO Custody Manual Policy 716 (Detoxification and Withdrawal); and TCSO Custody
10 Manual Policy 724 (Medical Assessment Protocols).

11 28. From January 11, 2024, to January 14, 2024, JOSHUA GARBUTT’s condition noticeably
12 deteriorated over the course of several days while he was housed at the jail.

13 29. Defendants DOE 1 to 10, medical staff at the jail, and Defendants DOE 11 to 20, custody
14 staff at the jail, inadequately supervised, monitored, and observed JOSHUA GARBUTT’s deteriorating
15 condition and immediate medical needs.

16 30. Defendants DOE 1 to 20 could and should have supervised, monitored, and observed
17 JOSHUA GARBUTT’s immediate medical needs and timely responded. For example, Defendants DOE
18 1 to 10 could have provided medical treatment and care to JOSHUA GARBUTT, transferred JOSHUA
19 GARBUTT to a facility that could provide adequate medical treatment and care, or more frequently
20 monitored JOSHUA GARBUTT’s medical condition to ensure that it did not deteriorate or endanger
21 him. Defendants DOE 11 to 20 could have more frequently monitored JOSHUA GARBUTT’s medical
22 condition to summon necessary medical treatment and care and responded more quickly to JOSHUA
23 GARBUTT’s immediate medical needs.

24 31. Defendants DOE 11 to 20, custody staff at the jail, conducted inadequate “safety checks”
25 of the cell in which JOSHUA GARBUTT was housed, including by failing timely to supervise, monitor,
26 observe, and report JOSHUA GARBUTT’s deteriorating medical condition.

27 32. Defendants DOE 11 to 20 failed to comply with California Code of Regulations title 15 §
28 1027 (Number of Personnel), California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1027.5 (Safety Checks), and the

1 policies, procedures, and training of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
2 (“POST”) and Trinity County Sheriff’s Office (“TCSO”) Custody Manual, including: POST Learning
3 Domain 31 (Custody); TCSO Custody Manual Policy 504 (Safety Checks); TCSO Custody Manual
4 Policy 602 (Incarcerated Persons with Disabilities); TCSO Custody Manual Policy 701 (Access to Care);
5 TCSO Custody Manual Policy 703 (Referrals and Coordination of Specialty Care); TCSO Custody
6 Manual Policy 710 (Medical Screening); TCSO Custody Manual Policy 716 (Detoxification and
7 Withdrawal); and TCSO Custody Manual Policy 724 (Medical Assessment Protocols).

8 33. On January 14, 2024, JOSHUA GARBUTT was found lying on the floor of his cell with
9 shallow breathing and “dark brown vomit” and diarrhea covering his person.

10 34. Defendants 11 to 20 reported that JOSHUA GARBUTT was “last seen normal 45 minutes
11 [prior].”

12 35. Medical staff responded to JOSHUA GARBUTT’s cell and performed CPR for
13 approximately 30 minutes.

14 36. At 3:14 a.m., JOSHUA GARBUTT was pronounced dead.

15 37. Defendants DOE 1 to 20’s indifference to and disregard of JOSHUA GARBUTT’s
16 deteriorating medical condition and immediate medical needs caused his death.

17 38. Redding Police Department personnel contacted and informed Plaintiff STACY
18 POHLMEYER that JOSHUA GARBUTT had died in the Trinity County Jail of suspected
19 “complications due to drug use.”

20 **Records Request**

21 39. On January 26, 2024, Plaintiff STACY POHLMEYER, through her counsel, made a
22 request for JOSHUA GARBUTT’s medical records to the Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY,
23 TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON, pursuant to California Evidence Code §
24 1158.

25 40. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, and
26 TIM SAXON ignored and failed to respond to Plaintiff STACY POHLMEYER’s medical records
27 request.

28 41. On February 12, 2024, Plaintiff STACY POHLMEYER, through her counsel, contacted

1 Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE's jail commander,
2 Ryan Lynn, re-sent the medical records request and asked for a response.

3 42. On February 22, 2024, Plaintiff STACY POHLMAYER, through her counsel, contacted
4 Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE's records
5 technicians, including Chelsea Niewinski and Lori Alsup, re-sent the medical records request and asked
6 for a response.

7 43. On February 23, 2024, Michelle Nasise, an attorney purportedly "represent[ing] the
8 County of Trinity in the capacity of County Counsel," wrote to Plaintiff STACY POHLMAYER's
9 counsel, stating that Defendant COUNTY OF TRINITY refused to produce JOSHUA GARBUTT's
10 medical records and falsely characterized Plaintiff STACY POHLMAYER's medical records request as
11 one made under the "Public Records Act."

12 44. Later, on February 23, 2024, Plaintiff STACY POHLMAYER's counsel responded to
13 Michelle Nasise's correspondence explaining that Plaintiff STACY POHLMAYER did "not ma[k]e a
14 'Public Records Act Request,' as [her] letter characterize[d] it" but, "[r]ather, ... made a request for the
15 decedent's medical records pursuant to California Evidence Code § 1158." A response was again
16 requested.

17 45. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM
18 SAXON, and Michelle Nasise once again ignored and failed to respond to Plaintiff STACY
19 POHLMAYER's medical records request.

20 46. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and
21 TIM SAXON's withholding of JOSHUA GARBUTT's medical records has prevented Plaintiffs
22 ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT, STACY POHLMAYER, and BRIAN GARBUTT from discovering
23 essential facts and circumstances related to JOSHUA GARBUTT's death.

POLICY / CUSTOM ALLEGATIONS

24 47. Defendant TIM SAXON, in his capacity as Sheriff, is and was a final policymaking
25 official for Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
26 including as it relates to the maintenance and operation of jail and detention facilities; training,
27 supervision, and discipline of staff acting under his command; and the safekeeping of inmates/prisoners

1 in his custody. *See* Cal. Const. Art. XI § 1(b); Cal. Pen. Code § 4000; Cal. Pen. Code § 4006; Cal. Gov.
2 Code § 26605; Cal. Gov. Code § 26610. Specifically, Defendant TIM SAXON is and was responsible for
3 the provision of medical care to inmates/prisoners in his custody at Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY
4 and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE's jail facilities, including assessment of inmates for
5 medical emergencies, medical needs, and all policies, procedures, customs, hiring, staffing, supervision,
6 and training related thereto. Trinity County Sheriff's Office Custody Manual Policy 100 (Organizational
7 Structure and Responsibility).

8 48. Defendant TIM SAXON has served as Sheriff for Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY
9 and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE since 2018.

10 49. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and
11 TIM SAXON, including subordinate personnel, Defendants DOE 1 to 20, maintain and/or acted pursuant
12 to inadequate polices, customs, training, and/or supervision, resulting in the following deficiencies:

13 (a) failure adequately to observe, monitor, and supervise inmates within the jail;
14 (b) failure adequately to staff the jail with necessary officials, staff, and personnel;
15 (c) failure adequately to detect and investigate, intervene, and intercede when
16 dangerous and emergency conditions are present inside the jail;

17 (d) failure adequately to diagnose, monitor, and treat inmates' necessary and
18 immediate medical needs; and

19 (e) failure adequately to summon and provide necessary and immediate medical care
20 for inmates with necessary and immediate medical needs.

21 50. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and
22 TIM SAXON, including subordinate personnel, Defendants DOE 1 to 20, were deliberately indifferent to
23 JOSHUA GARBUTT's safety and health, and knew or should have known that JOSHUA GARBUTT
24 was at risk of harm, based on the following circumstances:

25 (a) jail staff, including Defendants DOE 1 to 20, failed adequately to observe,
26 monitor, and supervise inmates within the jail, including JOSHUA GARBUTT;

27 (b) Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
28 and TIM SAXON failed adequately to staff the jail with necessary officials, staff, and personnel,

1 including during JOSHUA GARBUTT's incarceration;

2 (c) jail staff, including Defendants DOE 1 to 20, failed adequately to detect and
3 investigate, intervene, and intercede when dangerous and emergency conditions were present inside the
4 jail, including JOSHUA GARBUTT's medical need;

5 (d) jail staff, including Defendants DOE 1 to 20, failed adequately to diagnose,
6 monitor, and treat inmates' necessary and immediate medical needs, including JOSHUA GARBUTT's
7 medical need; and

8 (e) jail staff, including Defendants DOE 1 to 20, failed adequately to summon and
9 provide necessary and immediate medical care for inmates with necessary and immediate medical needs,
10 including JOSHUA GARBUTT's medical need.

11 51. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and
12 TIM SAXON's policies and customs are inconsistent with state law and widely-accepted standards. For
13 example:

14 (a) California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1027 (Number of Personnel/Medical
15 Receiving Screening)

16 (b) California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1027.5 (Safety Checks)

17 (c) California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1028 (Access to Treatment)

18 (d) California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1210 (Individualized Treatment Plans)

19 (e) California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1213 (Detoxification Treatment)

20 (f) National Commission on Correctional Health Care ("NCCHC") Standards for
21 Health Services in Jails, including J-A-01 (Access to Care); J-C-04 (Health Training for Correctional
22 Officers); J-C-07 (Staffing); J-D-08 (Hospitals and Specialty Care); J-E-02 (Receiving Screening); J-E-
23 04 (Initial Health Assessment); J-E-08 (Nursing Assessment Protocols and Procedures); J-E-09
24 (Continuity, Coordination, and Quality of Care During Incarceration); J-F-01 (Ongoing Care for Chronic
25 Illness); and J-F-04 (Medically Supervised Withdrawal and Treatment).

26 (g) Institute for Medical Quality ("IMQ") Standards, including 110 (Transfer of
27 Inmates with Acute Illness); 204 (Basic Training for Correctional Personnel); 302 (Receiving Screening);
28 303 (Substance Abuse); 304 (Access to Treatment); 306 (Clinic Care); 307 (Health Inventory &

1 Communicable Disease Screening); 318 (Standardized Procedures/Treatment Protocols); 319 (Continuity
2 of Care); and 328 (Health Maintenance).

3 (h) American Correctional Association (“ACA”) Standards, including 4-ALDF-2A-15
4 (Staffing); 4-ALDF-5A-04, 4-ALDF-5A-06, 4-ALDF-5A-07 (Substance Abuse Programs); 4-ALDF-7B-
5 10 (Training and Staff Development); 4-ALDF-4C-01 (Access to Care); 4-ALDF-4C-05 (Referrals); 4-
6 ADLF-4C-22 (Health Screens); 4-ALDF-4C-24 (Health Appraisal), 4-ALDF-4C-25 (Health Appraisal);
7 4-ALDF-4C-36 (Detoxification); 4-ALDF-4C-37 (Management of Chemical Dependency); 4-ALDF-4D-
8 20 (Transfer); 1-HC-1A-01 (Access to Care); 1-HC-4A-05 (Staffing/Referrals); 1-HC-4A-07 (Transfers);
9 1-HC-1A-19 (Health Screens); 1-HC-1A-22, 1-HC-1A-23 (Health Appraisal); 1-HC-1A-33
10 (Detoxification); and 1-HC-1A-34 (Management of Chemical Dependency).

11 52. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, and
12 TIM SAXON maintain a policy or custom whereby jail staff, including Defendants DOE 1 TO 20,
13 inadequately diagnose, monitor, and provide care for inmates, including failure to respond to immediate
14 medical needs. For example:

15 (a) One week prior to JOSHUA GARBUTT’s death, on January 8, 2024, John Swain,
16 an inmate housed inside the same cell in which JOSHUA GARBUTT later died, was able to commit
17 suicide by hanging himself, without detection or intervention by jail staff.

18 (b) On February 26, 2023, another inmate at the jail was also able to hang himself,
19 without detection or intervention by jail staff.

20 53. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, and
21 TIM SAXON do not meaningfully discipline, re-train, correct, or otherwise penalize jail staff involved in
22 critical incidents where preventable deaths and injuries are sustained by inmates, including those
23 described above. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, and
24 TIM SAXON’s failure to correct the inadequate policies, customs, and practices described above, as
25 evidenced by the preventable deaths and injuries sustained by inmates at the jail prior to JOSHUA
26 GARBUTT’s death, contributed to JOSHUA GARBUTT’s death at the jail.

27 54. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, and
28 TIM SAXON were or should have been on notice regarding the need to discontinue, modify, or

1 implement new and different versions of the deficient policies or customs because the inadequacies and
2 deficiencies were so obvious and likely to result in the violation of rights of persons, including the death
3 of JOSHUA GARBUTT.

4 55. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and
5 TIM SAXON's inadequate policies, customs, training, supervision, and control of personnel and inmates
6 were a moving force behind and contributed to the death of JOSHUA GARBUTT.

7 **FIRST CLAIM**

8 **Deliberate Indifference / Special Relationship**
9 **(U.S. Const. Amend. XIV; 42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

10 56. Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT asserts this Claim (pursuant to California
11 Code of Civil Procedure § 377.30) against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY
12 SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20.

13 57. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 55 are realleged and incorporated, to the
14 extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

15 58. *Individual Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 20 inadequately screened, classified, assigned,
16 housed, monitored, and responded to JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need, putting
17 him at substantial risk of suffering serious harm, without taking reasonable available measures to abate
18 that risk, where a reasonable official in the circumstances would have appreciated the high degree of risk
19 involved, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

20 59. *Municipal/Supervisory Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY
21 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and
22 inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the
23 United States Constitution.

24 60. Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions were motivated by evil
25 motive or intent, involved reckless or callous indifference to constitutional rights, or were wantonly or
26 oppressively done.

27 61. JOSHUA GARBUTT was injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants
28 COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's

1 actions and inactions, entitling Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT to receive
2 compensatory/survival and nominal damages against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY
3 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20; and punitive damages against
4 Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

5 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT prays for relief as hereunder
6 appears.

7 **SECOND CLAIM**

8 **Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act**

9 **(42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*)**

10 62. Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT (pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.30)
11 asserts this Claim against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
12 OFFICE.

13 63. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 55 are realleged and incorporated, to the
14 extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

15 64. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
16 qualify as a "public entity" within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 12131(1)(A) and 28 C.F.R. § 35.104.
17 JOSHUA GARBUTT had an impairment that substantially limited one or more major life activities and
18 had a record of such an impairment.

19 65. *Vicarious Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 20 failed reasonably to accommodate JOSHUA
20 GARBUTT's disability, where they could have provided a reasonable accommodation, including by: (a)
21 conducting an adequate medical screening for JOSHUA GARBUTT; (b) issuing routine medical orders
22 for JOSHUA GARBUTT, such as Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS) and Clinical Institute
23 Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA) assessments, alcohol and opioid detox regimens, or an urgent referral to
24 a medical provider; (c) conducting a timely medical screening for JOSHUA GARBUTT; (d) transferring
25 JOSHUA GARBUTT to a facility that could provide necessary medical care or treatment; (e) monitoring
26 JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need; and/or (f) timely responding to JOSHUA
27 GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in
28 violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*

66. *Municipal/Vicarious Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*

67. Plaintiff JOSHUA GARBUTT was injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions, entitling Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT to receive compensatory/survival and nominal damages against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT prays for relief as hereunder appears.

THIRD CLAIM

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

(29 U.S.C. § 701, *et seq.*)

68. Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT (pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.30) asserts this Claim against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

69. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 55 are realleged and incorporated, to the extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

70. Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE qualify as a "public entity" within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 12131(1)(A) and 28 C.F.R. § 35.104, and receive federal financial assistance. JOSHUA GARBUTT had an impairment that substantially limited one or more major life activities and had a record of such an impairment.

71. *Vicarious Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 20 failed reasonably to accommodate JOSHUA GARBUTT's disability, where they could have provided a reasonable accommodation, including by: (a) conducting an adequate medical screening for JOSHUA GARBUTT; (b) issuing routine medical orders for JOSHUA GARBUTT, such as Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS) and Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA) assessments, alcohol and opioid detox regimens, or an urgent referral to

a medical provider; (c) conducting a timely medical screening for JOSHUA GARBUTT; (d) transferring JOSHUA GARBUTT to a facility that could provide necessary medical care or treatment; (e) monitoring JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need; and/or (f) timely responding to JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794, *et seq.*

72. *Municipal/Vicarious Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794, *et seq.*

73. Plaintiff JOSHUA GARBUTT was injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions, entitling Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT to receive compensatory/survival and nominal damages against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT prays for relief as hereunder appears.

FOURTH CLAIM

Unwarranted Interference with Familial Association

(U.S. Const. Amend. XIV; 42 U.S.C. § 1983)

74. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT assert this Claim against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20.

75. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 55 are realleged and incorporated, to the extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

76. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMEYER and BRIAN GARBUTT shared a close relationship and special bond with JOSHUA GARBUTT, which included deep attachments, commitments, and distinctively personal aspects of their lives and was typical of a loving parent-child relationship, prior to his death. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMEYER and BRIAN GARBUTT frequently visited and spoke with

JOSHUA GARBUZZ.

77. *Individual/Municipal/Supervisory Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20 caused the unwarranted interference with, and premature termination of, Plaintiffs STACY POHLMEYER and BRIAN GARBUTT's familial association with JOSHUA GARBUTT, in the violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

78. Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions were motivated by evil motive or intent, involved reckless or callous indifference to constitutional rights, or were wantonly or oppressively done.

79. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions, entitling them to receive compensatory/wrongful death and nominal damages against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20; and punitive damages against Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT pray for relief as hereunder appears.

FIFTH CLAIM

Unwarranted Interference with Familial Association

(U.S. Const. Amend. I; 42 U.S.C. § 1983)

80. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT assert this Claim against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, JAMIE HERBST, MARIACELINE CLAMOR, and DOE 1 to 20.

81. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 55 are realleged and incorporated, to the extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

82. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT shared a close relationship and special bond with JOSHUA GARBUTT, which included deep attachments, commitments, and distinctively personal aspects of their lives and was typical of a loving parent-child relationship, prior to

his death. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT frequently visited and spoke with JOSHUA GARBUTT.

83. *Individual/Municipal/Supervisory Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20 caused the unwarranted interference with, and premature termination of, Plaintiffs STACY POHLMEYER and BRIAN GARBUTT's familial association with JOSHUA GARBUTT, in the violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

84. Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions were motivated by evil motive or intent, involved reckless or callous indifference to constitutional rights, or were wantonly or oppressively done.

85. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions, entitling them to receive compensatory/wrongful death and nominal damages against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20; and punitive damages against Defendants TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs STACY POHLMEYER and BRIAN GARBUTT pray for relief as hereunder appears.

SIXTH CLAIM

Failure to Summon Medical Care

(Cal. Gov. Code § 845.6)

86. Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT asserts this Claim (pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 377.30) against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20.

87. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 55 are realleged and incorporated, to the extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

88. *Individual Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 20 knew or had reason to know that JOSHUA GARBUTT was in need of immediate medical care and failed to take reasonable action to summon such

medical care, in violation of California Government Code § 845.6.

89. *Municipal/Supervisory Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, in violation of California Government Code § 845.6.

90. *Vicarious Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE are vicariously liable, through the principles of *respondeat superior* and pursuant to California Government Code §§ 815.2(a), 845.6, for injuries proximately caused by the acts and omissions of employees acting within the scope of employment, including Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

91. Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions constituted oppression, fraud, and/or malice resulting in great harm.

92. JOSHUA GARBUTT was injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions, entitling Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT to receive compensatory/survival and nominal damages against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20; and punitive damages against Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT prays for relief as hereunder appears.

SEVENTH CLAIM

Tom Bane Civil Rights Act

(Cal. Civ. Code § 52.1)

93. Plaintiffs ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT (pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 377.30), STACY POHLMAYER, and BRIAN GARBUTT assert this Claim against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20.

94. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 92 are realleged and incorporated, to the extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

Deliberate Indifference / Special Relationships

95. *Individual Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 20 inadequately screened, classified, assigned, housed, monitored, and responded to JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need, putting him at substantial risk of suffering serious harm, without taking reasonable available measures to abate that risk, where a reasonable official in the circumstances would have appreciated the high degree of risk involved, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; and Article I, Section 7(a) of the California Constitution.

96. *Municipal/Supervisory Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; and Article I, Section 7(a) of the California Constitution.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act & Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

97. *Vicarious Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 20 failed reasonably to accommodate JOSHUA GARBUTT's disability, where they could have provided a reasonable accommodation, including by: (a) conducting an adequate medical screening for JOSHUA GARBUTT; (b) issuing routine medical orders for JOSHUA GARBUTT, such as Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS) and Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA) assessments, alcohol and opioid detox regimens, or an urgent referral to a medical provider; (c) conducting a timely medical screening for JOSHUA GARBUTT; (d) transferring JOSHUA GARBUTT to a facility that could provide necessary medical care or treatment; (e) monitoring JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need; and/or (f) timely responding to JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*; and the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794, *et seq.*

98. *Municipal/Vicarious Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, *et seq.*; and the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794,

1 *et seq.*

2 Unwarranted Interference with Familial Association

3 99. *Individual/Municipal/Supervisory Liability* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY,
4 TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20 caused the unwarranted
5 interference with, and premature termination of, Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN
6 GARBUTT's familial association with JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless
7 disregard, in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; and
8 Article I, Section 7(a) of the California Constitution.

9 Failure to Summon Medical Care

10 100. *Individual Liability*: Defendants DOE 1 to 20 knew or had reason to know that JOSHUA
11 GARBUTT was in need of immediate medical care and failed to take reasonable action to summon such
12 medical care, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of California Government
13 Code § 845.6.

14 101. *Municipal/Supervisory Liability*: Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY
15 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and
16 inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in
17 violation of California Government Code § 845.6.

18 Failure to Provide Adequate Medical Screening and Care and Staffing

19 102. *Individual Liability*: Defendants DOE 1 to 10 failed to provide adequate health screening
20 and care to JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of
21 California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1207 (Medical Receiving Screening); and California Code of
22 Regulations title 15 § 1208 (Access to Treatment).

23 103. *Municipal/Supervisory Liability*: Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY
24 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and
25 inaction resulting in harm to Plaintiff JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless
26 disregard, in violation of California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1027 (Number of Personnel);
27 California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1208 (Access to Treatment); and California Code of
28 Regulations title 15 § 1207 (Medical Receiving Screening).

Failure to Provide Adequate Detox/Treatment

104. *Individual Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 10 failed to provide adequate health screening and care to JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1210 (Individualized Treatment Plans); and California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1213 (Detoxification Treatment).

105. *Municipal/Supervisory Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to Plaintiff JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard, in violation of California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1027 (Number of Personnel); California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1210 (Individualized Treatment Plans); and California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1213 (Detoxification Treatment).

Failure to Provide Adequate Safety Checks and Staffing

106. *Individual Liability:* Defendants DOE 11 to 20 failed to provide adequate monitoring, supervision, and safety checks on JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard in violation of California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1027.5 (Safety Checks).

107. *Municipal/Supervisory Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, with deliberate indifference or reckless disregard in violation of California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1027 (Number of Personnel); and California Code of Regulations title 15 § 1027.5 (Safety Checks).

(Allegations Common to All Theories)

108. *Vicarious Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE are vicariously liable, through the principles of *respondeat superior* and/or pursuant to California Government Code §§ 815.2(a), 845.6, for injuries proximately caused by the acts and omissions of employees acting within the scope of employment, including Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

109. Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions constituted oppression, fraud, and/or malice resulting in great harm.

1 110. JOSHUA GARBUTT and Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT
2 were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY
3 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions, entitling
4 Plaintiffs ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT, STACY POHLMAYER, and BRIAN GARBUTT to
5 receive compensatory/survival and wrongful death and treble damages and civil/statutory penalties
6 against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON,
7 and DOE 1 to 20; and punitive damages against Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

8 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT, STACY POHLMAYER, and
9 BRIAN GARBUTT pray for relief as hereunder appears.

10 **EIGHTH CLAIM**

11 **Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress**

12 111. Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT asserts this Claim (pursuant to California
13 Code of Civil Procedure § 377.30) against Defendants DOE 1 to 20.

14 112. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 46 are realleged and incorporated, to the
15 extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

16 113. Defendants DOE 1 to 20 engaged in outrageous conduct, including by inadequately
17 screening, classifying, assigning, housing, monitoring, and responding to JOSHUA GARBUTT based on
18 an immediate medical need in violation of the United States and California Constitutions, federal and
19 state laws, regulations, policies, standards, general orders, procedures, training, national and local
20 standards, with intent or reckless disregard of the probability that JOSHUA GARBUTT would suffer
21 emotional distress and he did suffer severe emotional distress.

22 114. Defendants DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions constituted oppression, fraud, and/or
23 malice resulting in great harm.

24 115. JOSHUA GARBUTT was injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants DOE 1
25 to 20's actions and inactions, entitling Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT to receive
26 compensatory/survival and punitive damages against Defendants DOE 1 to 20.

27 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT prays for relief as hereunder
28 appears.

NINTH CLAIM

Negligence

116. Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT asserts this Claim (pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 377.30) against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20.

117. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 115 are realleged and incorporated, to the extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

118. *Individual Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 20 owed a duty of care to JOSHUA GARBUTT and breached a duty, including by inadequately screening, classifying, assigning, housing, monitoring, and responding to JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need in violation of the United States and California Constitutions, federal and state laws, regulations, policies, standards, general orders, procedures, training, national and local standards, and/or California Civil Code § 1714(a).

119. *Supervisory Liability:* Defendant TIM SAXON owed a duty of care to JOSHUA GARBUTT, including based on a special relationship with JOSHUA GARBUTT as a jailer, and/or based on a special relationship with Defendants DOE 1 to 20 as an employer, and breached that duty, including by maintaining policies or customs of action and inaction which resulted in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT in violation of the United States and California Constitutions, federal and state laws, regulations, policies, standards, general orders, procedures, training, national and local standards, and/or California Civil Code § 1714(a).

120. *Municipal Liability*: Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to JOSHUA GARBUTT, in violation of California Government Code § 845.6 and California Code of Regulations title 15 §§ 1027, 1027.5, 1028, 1210, 1213.

121. *Vicarious Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE are vicariously liable, through the principles of *respondeat superior* and/or pursuant to California Government Code §§ 815.2(a), 845.6, for injuries proximately caused by the acts and omissions of employees acting within the scope of employment, including Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

1 122. Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions constituted oppression,
2 fraud, and/or malice resulting in great harm.

3 123. JOSHUA GARBUTT was injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendants
4 COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's
5 actions and inactions, entitling Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT to receive
6 compensatory/survival damages against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY
7 SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20; and punitive damages against Defendants TIM
8 SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20.

9 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT prays for relief as hereunder
10 appears.

11 **TENTH CLAIM**

12 **Wrongful Death**

13 **(Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 377.60)**

14 124. Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT asserts this Claim against
15 Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and
16 DOE 1 to 20.

17 125. The allegations of the preceding paragraphs 1 to 123 are realleged and incorporated, to the
18 extent relevant and as if fully set forth in this Claim.

19 126. *Individual Liability:* Defendants DOE 1 to 20 caused JOSHUA GARBUTT's death by
20 wrongful act and neglect, including by inadequately screening, classifying, assigning, housing,
21 monitoring, and responding to JOSHUA GARBUTT based on an immediate medical need in violation of
22 the United States and California Constitutions, federal and state laws, regulations, policies, standards,
23 general orders, procedures, training, national and local standards, and/or California Civil Code § 1714(a).

24 127. *Municipal/Supervisory Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY
25 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, and TIM SAXON caused JOSHUA GARBUTT's death by wrongful
26 act and neglect, including by maintained policies or customs of action and inaction resulting in harm to
27 JOSHUA GARBUTT in violation of the United States and California Constitutions, federal and state
28 laws, regulations, policies, standards, general orders, procedures, training, national and local standards,

and/or California Civil Code § 1714(a).

128. *Vicarious Liability:* Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE are vicariously liable, through the principles of *respondeat superior* and/or pursuant to California Government Code §§ 815.2(a), 845.6, for injuries proximately caused by the acts and omissions of employees acting within the scope of employment, including Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

129. Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions constituted oppression, fraud, and/or malice resulting in great harm.

130. JOSHUA GARBUTT died as a direct and proximate result of Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20's actions and inactions, entitling Plaintiffs STACY POHLMAYER and BRIAN GARBUTT to receive compensatory/wrongful death damages against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20; and punitive damages against Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE 1 to 20.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs STACY POHLMEYER and BRIAN GARBUTT pray for relief as hereunder appears.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT, STACY POHLMAYER, and BRIAN GARBUTT seek Judgment as follows:

1. For an award of compensatory, general, special, and nominal damages (including survival and wrongful death damages under federal and state law) against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20, in excess of \$20,000,000, according to proof at trial;

2. For an award of exemplary/punitive damages against Defendants TIM SAXON and DOE
1 to 20, in an amount sufficient to deter and to make an example of them, because their actions and/or
inactions, as alleged, were motivated by evil motive or intent, involved reckless or callous indifference to
constitutionally and statutorily protected rights, or were wantonly or oppressively done; and/or
constituted oppression, fraud, or malice resulting in great harm;

3. For funeral and/or burial expenses;

4. For an award of actual damages, treble damages, punitive damages, civil penalties, and
other available relief against Defendants COUNTY OF TRINITY, TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, TIM SAXON, and DOE 1 to 20, pursuant to California Civil Code §§ 52, 52.1, and any other
law as may be applicable (except that no punitive damages are sought against Defendants COUNTY
OF TRINITY and TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, pursuant to California Civil Code § 818);

5. For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, 29
§ 794, 42 U.S.C. § 12205, California Civil Code § 52.1, California Code of Civil Procedure §
, and any other statute as may be applicable;

6. For interest; and

7. For an award of any other further relief, as the Court deems fair, just, and equitable.

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JURY TRIAL DEMAND

A JURY TRIAL IS DEMANDED on behalf of Plaintiffs ESTATE OF JOSHUA GARBUTT,
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